Bicentenary celebrations of Maharaja Ranjit Singh

463. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) in what way the Bicentenary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh's coronation whose kingdom was the last to lay arms before the British is proposed to be celebrated; and

(b) whether there are any plans to establish a permanent memorial by way of tribute to Maharaja Ranjit Singh?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Bicentenary of coronation of Maharaja Ranjit Singh is being celebrated by the State Government of Punjab in collaboration with Maharaja Ranjit Singh Trust. Government of India (Department of Culture) is processing a proposal for setting up a panorama on Maharaja Ranjit Singh at Amritsar in consultation with the Government of Punjab.

Poor condition of ancient monuments in Maharashtra

464. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of ancient monuments in Maharashtra State are in a bad condition;

(b) if so whether any survey have been conducted by the Government in this regard; and